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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

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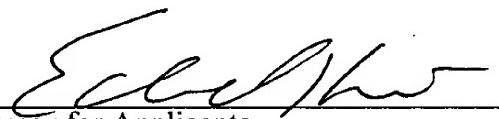
Goland et al., "Simple Service Discovery Protocol v1.0 - Operating without an Arbiter", Internet Engineering Task Force Memo, issued October 28, 1999 (Microsoft Corporation/Hewlett Packard),
URL:http://www.upnp.org/download/draftcai_ssdp_v1_03.txt.

These documents were cited during prosecution of an Australian application corresponding to the above-identified U.S. Application. A copy of a Australian Office Action dated July 19, 2002 is enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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